

# COMMITTEE REPORT

## MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 83, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 1       Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new
- 2       paragraph and insert:
- 3       "SECTION 1. IC 31-14-14-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 4       FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 1. (a) A noncustodial
- 5       parent is entitled to reasonable visitation rights unless the court finds,
- 6       after a hearing, that visitation might:
- 7               (1) endanger the child's physical health and well-being; or
- 8               (2) significantly impair the child's emotional development.
- 9       (b) The court may interview the child in chambers to assist the
- 10       court in determining the child's perception of whether visitation
- 11       by the noncustodial parent might endanger the child's physical
- 12       health or significantly impair the child's emotional development.
- 13       (c) The court may permit counsel to be present at the
- 14       interview. If counsel is present:
- 15               (1) a record may be made of the interview; and
- 16               (2) the interview may be made part of the record for
- 17       purposes of appeal."
- 18       Page 1, line 8, after "determining" insert "the child's perception of".
- 19       Page 2, line 7, after "determining" insert "the child's perception of".

(Reference is to SB 83 as introduced.)

**and when so amended that said bill do pass.**

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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**Chairperson**